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Introduced by
Senator Landrum Taylor: Representative Campbell CL

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 8-514.04, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; MAKING AN APPROPRIATION;
RELATING TO CHILD WELFARE AND PLACEMENT.

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1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:
2 Section 1. Section 8-514.04, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
3 read:

4 8-514.04. Kinship care program: requirements

5 A. The kinship care program is established in the department of
6 economic security. The program shall:

7 1. Streamline, expedite and coordinate existing services and
8 referrals.

9 2. Preserve families.

10 3. Help meet the protection, developmental, cultural and permanency
11 needs of children.

12 4. Enable families to sustain support for a child who cannot live with
13 the child's parents.

14 B. The department shall adopt rules to prescribe application and
15 eligibility requirements that provide an expedited process for kinship care
16 families to receive child only temporary assistance for needy families.

17 C. The department shall use existing measures for outreach and
18 marketing in order to facilitate community awareness regarding the program.

19 D. The department shall submit an amendment to modify the temporary
20 assistance for needy families state plan to the United States department of
21 health and human services. The amendment shall waive the face-to-face
22 requirement for relative caregivers applying for temporary assistance for
23 needy families, for a child only case.

24 E. Any kinship care family that applies for or receives cash
25 assistance under this section on behalf of a dependent child who is under
26 eighteen years of age shall conform to the requirements established pursuant
27 to sections 46-292 and 46-295 and department rule unless the requirements
28 have been modified pursuant to this section.

29 F. IF THE KINSHIP CAREGIVER IS THE CHILD'S GRANDPARENT, THE DEPARTMENT
30 SHALL USE MONIES APPROPRIATED FOR THE PROGRAM ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO THIS
31 SECTION FOR THE FOLLOWING:

32 1. CLOTHING AND PERSONAL ALLOWANCES NOT TO EXCEED SEVENTY-FIVE DOLLARS
33 PER CHILD PER MONTH.

34 2. ONE-TIME TRANSITIONAL ASSISTANCE NOT TO EXCEED THREE HUNDRED
35 DOLLARS PER CHILD TO HELP COVER THE COST OF ADDITIONAL BEDS AND FURNITURE AND
36 OTHER NECESSARY EXPENSES RELATED TO TRANSITIONING THE CHILD INTO THE
37 GRANDPARENT'S HOME. BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT PROVIDES THIS ASSISTANCE, THE
38 GRANDPARENT MUST SUBMIT WRITTEN RECEIPTS TO THE DEPARTMENT FOR EACH PURCHASE.

39 F. G. The department shall keep confidential information it obtains
40 pursuant to this section.

1 Sec. 2. Appropriation: kinship care program: exemption

2 A. The sum of \$2,000,000 is appropriated from the state general fund
3 in fiscal year 2008-2009 to the department of economic security for the
4 purposes of this act.

5 B. The appropriation made in subsection A of this section is exempt
6 from the provisions of section 35-190, Arizona Revised Statutes, relating to
7 lapsing of appropriations.